Homegoing Celebration

for
District Missionary

Bertha L Humphrey

District Superintendent Ernest J. O'Neal, Officiating

Sunrise
March 3,
1916

Sunset
December 4,
2003

...For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. 2 Tim 1:12

Service of Praise & Thanksgiving

Thursday, December 11, 2003 at 11:00AM

Little Flock Church Of God In Christ
565 Warrington Avenue
Redwood City, California 94063

OBITUARY

Bertha Lee Byrd was born March 3, 1916 in Mobile, Alabama, the only child born to the late Bishop Garfield Byrd and Everlena Hearns. The family moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1917 where she received her formal education and graduated from Mount Oliver High School.

In 1935, Bertha Byrd married the late Samuel Love Ralph. To this union was born Garfield Love Ralph, Sr., their only child.

In her business life, Missionary Bertha Humphrey worked in the Pentagon Mail Department, Western Electric, as a blue-print reader and at IBM in the computer manufacturing division.

In 1956, Missionary Humphrey wedded Deacon Joseph Humphrey and they moved to Fairfield, California and later moved to Palo Alto uniting with Prayer Garden Church Of God In Christ under the pastorate of Bishop M. Mathis.

She conducted revivals and accepted appointments wherever doors were open for her. In 1974, she moved her membership to the Little Flock Church Of God In Christ and was selected and elevated to the position of District Missionary for the New Horizon District under the leadership of Superintendent E.J. O'Neal. She served in this position for the succeeding twelve years until she moved to Los Angeles, California for a short stay and returned to San Jose. During this tenure, she remained a supporting member of Little Flock Church until the day of her glorious separation from this side of Jordan.

In addition to her Little Flock Family, she leaves to mourn her only son, Elder Garfield (wife, Judi) Ralph, Sr. of San Diego, Ca.; one daughter, Audrey E. Ralph, Pittsburgh, Pa.; granddaughters: Courtney L. Ralph, Ontario, Ca., Trina E. Ralph, Hayward, Ca., Renee Y. Alston, Upper Marlboro, Md., Lisa D. Hurst, Vacaville, Ca., Brenda Lyons, Union City, Ca.; grandsons: Kevin G. Ralph, Hayward, Ca., Travis (wife, Jan) Ralph, Modesto, Ca., Garfield (wife, Rosalind) Ralph, Jr., Milpitas, Ca., Henry T. Simpkins, Stockton, Ca., Freddie L. Simpkins, Marysville, Ca., Jerald K. Simpkins, Sr., Union City, Ca., Vernon A. Simpkins, San Jose, Ca.; great grand children: Jamie, Tashia, Lashauna, Travis, Jr., Zoey, Garfield ***III***, Devon Ralph and Mark Contreras; great-great grandson Jared Thomas; great-great granddaughter Jasmine Nobles; niece Margaret (husband, Charles) Washington, Pittsburgh, Pa.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude ..... Dr. R.D. Collier

Processional ..... Clergy & Family

Musical Rendition ..... Congregational

Invocation ..... Pastor J.K. Simpkins, Sr.

..... **As It Is Written** .....

Old Testament ..... Elder E.J. Palmer

New Testament ..... Minister P. Gordon

Musical Rendition..... Missionary. T. Ralph, Sister LaTanja Jackson & Sister Alfrida King

Remarks ....."*As I Remember Her*"..... *2 Minutes Each (please)*

Remarks.....Clergy

Acknowledgement Of Condolences ..... Mother A.M. Arnold

Musical Rendition ..... Elder Jean Odom

Obituary ..... Sister Vivian Jordan

Sermonic Rendition ..... Madam F. Willis

The Spoken Word ..... Dr. E.J. O'Neal

Review & Recessional

(The Service Will Continue At Skylawn Memorial Park)

The Repast will be held at:

Solid Rock Church Of God In Christ

32651 Alvarado Blvd.
Union City, Ca. 94587
(510) 324-7625

Active Pallbearers

Vernon Simpkins, Sr.
Kevin Lambert
George McFadden
Eugene Surrell
Dante Washington
Matthew Valle

Acknowledgments

The Family deeply appreciates the many kindnesses shown by you during their hours of bereavement. May God Bless You.

In tears we saw you sinking;
And watched you fade away;
Our hearts were very broken
We wanted you to stay.

But when we saw you sleeping;
So peacefully free from pain;
How could we wish you back with us
To suffer that again.

Your memory will be a keepsake;
Which we will never part;
Although God has you in His keeping
We will have you in our hearts.

-The Family-

Internment:

Skylawn Memorial Park
Route 35 at Highway 92
San Mateo, Ca. 94402

Arrangements:

Jones Mortuary Inc.
660 Donohoe Street
East Palo Alto, Ca. 94303